

House Resolution 514

By: Representatives Manning of the 32nd, Ehrhart of the 36th, Coan of the 101st, Hudson of the 124th, Talton of the 145th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Optometric Association and encouraging citizens
2 to participate in the InfantSEE program; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the most critical stages of vision development occur in the first year of a child's
4 life; and

5 WHEREAS, undetected eye and vision problems can lead to permanent vision impairment
6 or loss of life; and

7 WHEREAS, one in ten children is at risk from undiagnosed eye and vision problems; and

8 WHEREAS, one in 30 children will be affected by amblyopia, a leading cause of vision loss
9 in people younger than 45 years; and

10 WHEREAS, one in 20,000 children have retinoblastoma, or intraocular cancer, the seventh
11 most common pediatric cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, undetected vision problems can contribute to a decrease in a child's quality of
13 life, may lead to developmental and behavioral difficulties which impede classroom learning,
14 as well as increase the costs to society; and

15 WHEREAS, early detection of vision problems is the best way to treat and prevent
16 permanent vision impairment; and

17 WHEREAS, member optometrists of the American Optometric Association, which includes
18 the Georgia Optometric Association, have created InfantSEE, a public health program to
19 provide a one-time, free eye assessment for infants six to 12 months of age.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 this body recognizes the profession of optometry and commends the members of the Georgia
3 Optometric Association for dedicating their expertise and services to the infants of Georgia.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of Georgia are hereby encouraged to
5 schedule an InfantSEE assessment for their infants.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Optometric
8 Association.